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JAPAN'S COMMERCE.

Uncle Sam's Advantages Over All Other Nations.

VIEWS OF AN EMPIRE OFFICIAL.

American Merchants Must Establish Branch Houses in Cities in the Realm of the Mikado.

New York.—T. S. Hooiye of the Department of Industries, Agriculture and commerce of Japan, says that the commercial conquest of Japan by the United States is a mere question of time. He is here making immense purchases, and says:

"Already we are increasing our business with the United States in enormous degree, and I am now here purchasing large quantities of electrical machinery with which to equip and maintain trolley lines, telephone systems, electric light plants and powerhouses. I am also inquiring particularly as to locomotives and passenger cars for railways, and am obtaining information as to machinery and tools ot be used in various manufactures and industries.

"The United States has a better opportunity than other countries for capturing our foreign commerce, but your people will have to make an offer such as they have not done heretofore. Up to the present time English and German exporters have had everything their own way, simply because they established branch houses and sent out agents to Japan, who ascertained the needs of our people, and then the factories in Europe made articles to supply these needs. On the other hand, American houses, excepting a very few, sent over goods when ordered, but took no aggressive steps whatever. This is a very important matter, and I hope to see Japanese branches of many American business concerns established before long.

Cost of Uncle Sam's Army.

Washington.—The annual report of Paymaster-General T. H. Stanton of the Army show an expenditure of $23,499,969, an increase of $2,326,804 as compared with last year.

General Stanton says that the rapid increase of the Army gave rise to many questions as to the law governing payments to volunteers, which the department has endeavored to adjust satisfactorily. The mustering out and scattering of troops has imposed additional work upon the pay department. He recommends an increase in the regular force of the pay corps, saying:

"I earnestly recommend that to the regular pay corps of the Army there be added three assistant paymaster-generals, five deputy paymaster-generals and twenty majors and paymasters; the promotions to colonel and lieutenant-colonel to be made from the officers now in the pay department according to seniority, and upon the mustering out of the volunteer forces and the reduction of the regular Army to the basis prior to the act of April, 26, 1898, no appointments shall be made in the pay department until the number of officers in each grade shall be reduced to the number authorized prior to the date of the act above mentioned."

Thanksgiving at Manila.

Manila.—Thanksgiving day was generally observed by the Americans here, and the British also celebrated the day as a holiday. The feature of the day's festivities was a dinner tendered by O. F. Williams, United States Consul here, to officers of the American Army and Navy. Covers were laid for thirty-four persons.

Among those present were: Rear-Admiral Dewey, Captain Dyer of the Baltimore, Captain Coghlan of the Raleigh, Commander Lutz of the Monterey, Captain Lamberton of the flagship Olympia, Commander Walker of the Concord, Lieutenant-Commander Singer of the Manila and Lieutenant Braunersreuther of the Charleston; Generals Anderson, Hale, McArthur, Reeves, H. G. Otis and Overshine and Colonel McClure, the British and Belgian Consuls and some representative merchants and the newspaper men. The Minnesota regiment entertained the whole of the California regiment. The inmates of the hospital were not forgotten.

Movements of War Ships.

The gunboat Helena, which is on her way to join Admiral Dewey's fleet in the Philippines, by way of the Mediterranean sea and Suez canal, has arrived at Funchal and will continue her long cruise without unneccessary delay. This is the second attempt made by this little war ship to join the Asiatic squadron.

The cruiser Topeka has arrived at Key West on her way o Havana, where she will take the place of the cruiser Scorpion, which has been ordered home.

A telegram has been received from the commandant of the League Island Navy Yard, Philadelphia, to the effect that the cruiser Panther is ready for sea and will leave there for San Juan, Porto Rico, where she is to remain for an indefinite period as station ship in connection with the new naval station just established in that territory.

Russia and the Philippines.

Berlin.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Berlin Tageblatt says a Russian diplomat, in the course of an interview, has declared that Russia will not stir a finger to prevent the United States from occupying the Philippines, but he said he was unable to conceal his conviction that the injustice of America's attitude presaged the termination of the friendship which has hitherto existed between Russia and the United States.

FATE OF THE MARIA TERESA.

Belief Prevalent That Her Destruction Was Premeditated.

New York.—The steamer Antilla is at present in this port. Her second officer, Edward Weber, said that when the steamer was at Cat Island the Infanta Maria Teresa was lying in about fifteen feet of water and the surf was breaking over her. She was lying easy and not on the rocks, but with her nose in the sand.

"Had the surf not been so high I believe that we could have pulled her off," said Mr. Weber. "'I questioned the natives and learned from them that the Maria Teresa first appeared in the offing about 8 o'clock in the morning, the Thursday after she was abandoned. She rode in gracefully, but had she been brought in under skillful guidance she could not have gone ashore at a better place. She went on the shore at 11 o'clock the same morning in which she was sighted.

It is my opinion, as well as the opinion of the others on Cat Island, that for some reason an attempt was made by those on the Maria Teresa to have her sink. She had drifted far into the storm. All the square portholes above the waterline were left open, but in spite of this there was only three feet of water in her when she came ashore. I believe that the crew when they left her were anxious that might be the last of her. She is lying at present with a very slight list to port. As her stern is pointing to the breakers the waves as they break near the stern run alongside, making little vibration. The pumps were all right and the working parts are above water. I believe that the vessel will not go to pieces, but will remain where she is for years. Her military masts have gone by the board and are lying on each side of her."

WATCHING THE UNITED STATES.

Report of an American Concession in Colombia Calls Forth Comment.

London.—The Standard publishes a special article dealing with the report of the recent concessions secured by the United States at Chiriqui, in the Department of Panama, Colombia.

The writer says: "Great Britain was advised to secure a harbor there in 1839, and her rejection of this advice must be placed among her lost opportunities. The strategical advantages of Chiriqui are important, and we may expect the American occupation to be something more than nominal. The incident is another proof of the energy and determination of the United States in pursuing the role of an imperial nation."

The article calling attention to the fact that "any attempt to fortify or colonize this would be in contravention of the Clay-Bulwer treaty, which British governments have successively declined to modify," says: If so valuable a concession is now granted it would be interesting to know what is the consideration offered to Great Britain. Doubtless there may be reasons for modifying or abrogating the treaty, but it is to be assumed that the Foreign Office will take care that the important rights secured to Great Britain under the treaty will not be abandoned without sufficient compensation either in the American isthmus or elsewhere."

Farming in the Phillippines.

Washington.—Secretary Wilson of the Agricultural Department has directed the publication of a report on agriculture in the Philippines by Dr. George F. Becker of the Geological Survey, who visited the islands for the purpose of collecting geological and other information. The report says little seems to have been done to promote advanced methods of cultivation in the islands or secure a scientific knowledge of their capabilities. There is a government school of agriculture and a botanical garden in Manila, several "model farms" and agricultural stations, but Dr. Becker says so far as he can learn, the results have been insignificant.

Six New Liners Ordered.

Glasgow.—The Herald of this city says the American line has ordered six Atlantic twin-screw liners, two of Hawthorne & Leslie of Newcastle and four of the Clyde Bank Shipbuilding Company. It is added that they are intended for the Belgian-American service. The vessels to be built at Newcastle are, it appears, to be cargo-boats and the other four are to be passenger ships. It is said these vessels are not intended to compete with the bigger and more powerful vessels of other lines.

Future of Philippines.

New York.—Cables from Paris announce that Agoncillo, the representative of Aguinaldo and the Philippine insurgents, is to make a hurried trip across the Atlantic to Washington. He is said to be under orders of Aguinaldo to demand a definite statement at Washington of the United States as to the Philippines. It is thought here that the fate of the Philippines will be decided before Agoncillo can reach the capital.

Making New Potatoes of Old Ones.

The Practcal Farmer of the Iowa Homestead is responsible for the following:

The Yankee that whittled out wooden nutmegs is not in it. He is out of date, and his scheme is outdone by the man who has invented and put in operation a method for making new potatoes out of old ones. Here is the way he does it: In the fall a number of suitable potatoes are selected from the year's crop, wrapped in tissue paper and placed in boxes with dry sand where they remain until April, when the market opens and prices are high. In some countries potatoes are selected, scrubbed with hard brushes and placed in moist soil for a few days when they are dug and placed on the market and it is stated that it requires an expert to tell the difference. I believe the world do move.

THE OPEN DOOR POLICY

Not Expected to Take Important Position by Congress.

WILL WAIT ON PHILIPPINES.

Statement by a Washington Official—Mistaken Impression of the European Press Corrected.

Washington. — Administration officials do not expect that the so-called "open-door" policy will take an important position in the discussion of the coming session of Congress, but believe debate on this matter will wait on the final disposition of the Philippines.

A prominent official said: "The phrase 'open door' is of limited application, and has been used only with reference to the possessions of European powers on the east coast of Asia. Originating in the treaty or 'open' ports of China and Japan the words have been extended to cover ports which China has leased or surrendered to foreign powers. The phrase means that in such ports the alien government has in fact imposed no discriminations in tariff or navigation charges against import or vessels of other countries, but has treated them on the sam plane as its own imports and its own vessels.

"In other words, foreign powers holding Chinese ports by seizure or treaty, have merely announced that they will keep open such ports in the same manner that China has opened certain free ports to the commerce of nations, without discrimination or favor. The 'open door' policy has been particularly obligatory, as the reverse policy would be in direct hostility to the purpose of civilized nations, steadily pursued for years and concurred in by China, of opening the Asiatic trade to commerce.

"The phrase 'open door' has no pertinence to the Western hemisphere and no relevancy to the West Indies. The matter has been completely misunderstood by foreign newspapers, giving the phrase and application to this continent. The United States restricts trade between American ports to American vessels, precisely as the Dominion of Canada restricts trade to British vessels between Canadian ports. Under the British law any nation which elects to allow British vessels to engage in its coasting trade can obtain the privilege of entering the coasting trade of Canada. The United States has never availed itself of this opportunity, holding that the privilege to be granted is very much more valuable than the privilege to be obtained.

"The restriction of trade between the United States and Porto Rico to American vessels is based on the policy which the United States has always followed under all administrations, a fact overlooked by the European press. There seems to be no disposition here to change this policy in this sphere, from the mere fact that by the possession of the Philippines the United States must determine whether it will follow the 'open door' policy of other nations with possessions by seizure or concession on the east coast of Asia. Commercially the restriction of the trade between the United States and Porto Rico is of relatively little moment as the direct commerce is very small and is absorbed by American and Canadian vessels. The value of Porto Rico is as a fulcrum for the development of American commerce in the West Indies."

NEGRO IMMIGRANTS NOT WANTED IN CUBA.

Santiago Paper Protests Against the Project of a Kansas Colored Preacher.

Santiago.—El Porvenie prints a two-column article with reference to the intention of a colored preacher at Topeka, Kas., to bring thirty families of negroes and establish a town in the highlands above Santiago, which shall be known as Topeka. The paper demands that the people boycott the Yankee negroes, asserting that they are frequently guilty of horrible crimes in the Southern States.

It claims that all Yankee negroes are on a par and that they will ruin the country, as they are able to live on practically nothing. The paper maintains that the Cubans have a right to regulate immigration into the island; that they object to negroes and they will not have them.

Captain Ord, the Judge-Advocate, has a plan which has the indorsement of the Cuban Generals, Rogriguez, Lacret and Oeazo, of forming a regiment composed entirely of Cubans, with the exception of the Colonel, Lieutenant-Colonel and Major. The plan contemplates the subsequent formation of several such regiments.

Owing to the difficulty of obtaining labor in Cuba the mining companies are importing men from Spain. About 400 Spanish laborers arrived here a few days ago, 200 for the Spanish-American Company and 200 for the Jurugua Company. Upon the arrival of these men at Baiquiri forty-five of them refused to land, saying that their contracts called for work at Santiago. The men are now here and they have been notified that they will be sent to jail if they cause trouble.

General Leonard Wood, the military Governor, has determined to put an end to gambling. He is framing a law for that purpose and will impose $500 fine on the first person convicted.

But one bid was received by the Seattle, Wash., Board of Public Works to build the proposed $1,200,000 water supply system.

IN DEFENSE OF PICQUART.

Protests Against His Being Made a Second Dreyfus.

Paris.—The Picquart case seems in a way of raising even a greater storm than the Dreyfus affair. The papers favorable to the general staff are dumb in the face of the barefaced decision of the Military Governor of Paris, General Zurlinden, to try Colonel Picquart by court-martial, while those favoring revision are furious at this attempt to defeat justice and protest against the court-martial being ordered.

Nobody believes that Colonel Picquart is guilty of any crime except a courageous desire to render justice to Dreyfus, but on all sides it is recognized that in a practically secret trial he may be condemned on some technicality, thus attaining the apparent object, which is to throw doubt upon his dispositions before the Court of Cassation in the Dreyfus trial.

Every one is asking the motive of General Zurlinden in so persistently pursuing Colonel Picquart, and why a court-martial, if necessary, could not be postponed until the decision of the Court of Cassation has been given. Every one is asking whether it is a desperate attempt to shield the former Minister of War, General Mercier, and the general staff, even at the risk of precipitating disaster and the nation's hatred, and in any event of driving every doubting person into the Dreyfusite party.

A protest against the court-martial of Picquart bearing the signatures of leading authors, politicians and journalists is being circulated for further names and will be presented to the Government.

It is reported that M. de Freycinet, Minister for War, has consented to be interpellated on the subject in the Chamber of Deputies, when a sensational scene may be expected.

Picquart continued his evidence before the Court of Cassation throughout the whole day and his disposition is expected to occupy several days more. There is still some hope that he may receive justice owing to the presence on the court-martial of Colonel Bonnal, who is a great friend of Picquart, but M. Clemenceau, in the Aurore, declares that the court-martial is packed and accuses M. de Freycinet of allowing an innocent man to be victimized in order to increase his own chances at the next Presidential election.

SCRAMBLE FOR TRADE.

Capital Seeking Chances for Investment at Manila.

New York.—A cable to the Sun from Manila says: Every steamer brings more Americans commercially bent. Several of those here are the advance agents of capitalists seeking profitable investments. American investors must look sharp or the best things will be grabbed by Englishmen or Germans. The Sun correspondent knows that one Englishman who controls millions of pounds and has unlimited authority to buy sugar estate, was instructed to make no contract until he was certain that the Americans would hold the islands and then to take everything good that it was possible to get.

These men have the advantage of years of residence among the islands and a thorough knowledge of the country's language and people. It behooves Americans to hurry, but to do so with the greatest care. Some Americans here are now preparing plans for a great corporation to control large interests which will probably be able to compete favorably with English capital. There is comparatively no opportunity here for small investments. Strong companies with plenty of capital can make big money, but practically the only individual opportunity will be in an administrative capacity. The tendency is clearly shown by the actions of the representatives of a large American brewery, who are already buying saloons in Manila.

Americans who expect to find good chances here for individual efforts are likely to be disappointed. Hands have no place in competing with Filipinos or Chinese; heads with capital can reap rich rewards.

Commercial Travelers Barred.

Washington.—The attention of the Canadian-American Commission has been drawn, by the Manufacturers' Association of Canada, through N. Clarke Wallace, member of Parliament, and former Minister of Customs, to the recent ruling of the United States Bureau of Immigration that the commercial travelers of Canada fall within the restrictions of the alien labor law, and that they cannot carry on their work on this side of the border. Retaliation was threatened, but efforts will be made to have the restrictions removed on both sides.

Bad Panic in a Paris Church.

Paris.—There was a very narrow escape from a repetition of the terrible disaster of the Charity Bazar fire. While a religious ceremony was in progress in the vestry-room of the Church of St. Germain des Pros, where many girls from the schools were in attendance, the cinematograph lamps were suddenly extinguished and a fearful panic ensued, everybody recalling the Charity Bazar fire. The priests finally succeeded in allaying the panic, but not before forty girls were more or less seriously injured by being trampled upon.

The railroad grade from Kingman, Ariz., to the White Hills is being cross-sectioned by surveyors preparatory to grading. The road may be extended from White Hills to Temple Bar, another twenty-five miles.

The Puget Sound Dredging Co., Seattle, Wash., has purchased the entire plant and all patent rights there of the Bowers Dredging Co.

FACTS FOR FARMERS.

Helpful Suggestions For the Agriculturists.

HINTS THAT ARE INTERESTING.

Some Good Advice for the Ruralists—A Budget of Knowledge That May Prove Beneficial.

The Year's Fruit Crop.

In spite of the exceptionally dry season, California fruit products made a good record in 1897. The California Fruit Grower, in its annual review, shows that of the deciduous fruit crop of 1897, there was marketed with, or closely upon the harvest, an aggregate of 145,250,000 pounds, and of cured fruit, including prunes, there was marketed in the succeeding ten or twelve months an aggregate of 176,890,000 pounds. The last, upon a moderate Dratio-basis of fresh to cured, represents over seven hundred million pounds of fresh fruits. Commenting upon these figures, the Fruit Grower goes on to show that the fruit crop season of '98 was peculiar in all respects. Frosts, and unprecedented drought, and consequent short crops of all kinds high prices for fresh fruits for canners' use and for shipping, and ready sales at from fair to high prices are the chief features. The relatively small quantity of cured fruits, and, taking into consideration he diminished output, the low prices and slow sales are other, features not so pleasant to contemplate. The fruit crop of the United States, outside of Califronia, and of nearly all Europe was also short, and in many instances failures. These conditions have not created the expected extra demand and better figures. Speculators have not entered the field as heretofore. The buying has been done by the trade for trade requirements, and the goods have reached consumers directly upon arrival at destination. The export trade has not been fully supplied, owing to the lack of suitable material for the foreign demand.

The output of all fruits and fruit products in this State, excepting canned fruits, will show a heavy shortage when compared with former years. The overland shipments of fresh fruits, considering the short crop, make a remarkable showing. The honey crop has proved to be almost a failure, because of a lack of moisture and honey-carrying flowers. The walnut crop promised to be large, but is proving to be short, and the quality is not as good as usual. The almond crop is almost a failure. Raisin grapes, early in the season, gave evidence of a bountiful yield, but as with other fruit crops, the output at last is short.

Early rains did some damage to the fruit on the trays. The orange and lemon crop of 1897-98 turned out to be a "bumper" and for the most part of fine quality. Good prices were realized for a large part of these fruits. The wine grape crop was a disappointment as to size, and some of the wine is not entirely sound. This, however, may prove to be a blessing in disguise. The output of merchantable, sound wine in California this year is the lightest in many years. The apple crop and the output of evaporated apples are light this season the country over. Of shipping apples, the California crop is exceptionally good.

Buying Cows.

Probably the least satisfactory way to get a good paying herd of dairy cows is to go into the market and buy cows. Of course, when one is starting in business, the only way to get cows is to buy them, but every dairyman should get himself into shape to raise his own stock, says Homestead. Anybody can pick out a good looker, and a great many people have a good idea of dairy form, but still it is hard to know what a cow will do from mere appearance. The cows that are in the market for sale are not the good cows; they are almost invariably the cullings of the herd that the seller could not make pay. If he did not find them remunerative after trying them, are you likely to? Often, when fairly good milkers, they are sold because they are kickers, hard milkers, have bad tempers or bad habits of some kind. If one could apply the Babcock test to cows he was about to purchase, for a sufficient length of time, to determine their milking capacity, the task of purchasing cows for the dairy might be more hopeful, but it has not become the fashion to do this as yet, although it may some day. The best way to get and maintain a herd is to raise it. Breed the calves well from the best cows you have, using the best butter bull that can be obtained, develop and train the heifers carefully, so as to make good milkers easy to live with, and the best will be done that can be done. Then, if they become kickers, or otherwise vicious, you won't have to blame the other fellow for it.

Broccoli for Table Use.

Very few farmers' families grow their own cauliflower, and broccoli is almost never seen. Both are fine vegetables when taken fresh from the garden and properly cooked. Broccoli is a plant very much like cauliflower, but not usually making so good a head. This is a drawback as far as good looks is concerned, but does not hurt the vegetable for table use. There is a general impression that broccoli and cauliflower are difficult to grow, but this is entirely erroneous, especially as concerns the former. Broccoli may be successfully grown by the same treatment given early cabbage.

In general broccoli may be cooked like cauliflower and served in the same manner. The following specific directions may be followed if preferred:

1. Clean, discarding the larger stems, boil for half an hour in slightly salted water, drain and serve with cream sauce.

To make a fine salad, boil as directed under 1, and drain, then put into a refrigerator to cool until ready to serve. For a dressing, mix three tablespoonfuls olive oil, three tablespoonfuls vinegar and two teaspoonfuls salt. Put a small amount of this dressing on the broccoli after it is served in a plate.

3. A good salad may be made by treating the broccoli as under 2, except when ready to serve mince the vegetable with about half the quantity of canned salmon and serve with the ordinary mustard dressing.

4. Broccoli is very fine served like asparagus in the following manner: Boil half an hour and drain as directed in 1, then put into butter and fry for a few moments, season with salt and pepper to taste and serve on buttered toast.

Uses of the Soil.

In the fisrt place it is an immense workshop in which chemical and biological changes are constantly going on. The minute soil particles or rock fragments are continually being dissolved and made ready for hungry plant roots. The soil is the home of a vast army of living creatures. We never see them. They are too small. They are the lowest form of life—simple, one-celled plants, in the shape of spheres or ovals, or short rods. How small are these creatures of the earth? In transverse diameter one twenty-five thousandth of an inch is a common measurement. Increase the height of the ordinary man one thousand times and his head would be over a mile above the earth, yet one of these little creatures under the same magnification, would have plenty of room to dance up and down in the film of water between two plates of glass pressed firmly together. From 100 to 250 of them placed side by side would make the thickness of an ordinary sheet of paper. These little fellows are continually at work causing decay of vegetable matter in the soil, and thus making plant food. They are among the farmer's best friends. Second, the soil is a great storehouse of water. If we always had plenty of moisture in our soils we would have good crops. The soil acts as a large sponge to absorb water and hold it for the use of crops. Third, the soil is a home for plants. It affords a place in which they may live and grow.—W. D. Gibbs, in Orange Judd Farmer.

Careful Selection in Raisng Horses.

It requires six years from the time of breeding until we have the animal of marketable age generally sought for. The best time to go into the business of horse breeding is when breeding stock is cheap—little or no demand in the markets—when selections of the desired types and blood can be carefully made with the adaptation of both sires and dams to be coupled together for the most uniform results, with the view of improving all the good qualities of our horses and eradicating their defects, at a reasonable outlay of money.

To maintain any of the specific types of horses, we must confine ourselves in the selection of breeding animals to the desired type, let it be draft, coach, carriage or road horses, and never try to improve either tpye by crossing one type with another. By so doing we are in great danger of losing the good qualities of both and all subsequent breeding will be more or less guess work.

While we may confine all our horse breeding to a specific type, we cannot expect to overcome the imperfections of many of the individuals of the type, without very careful selection of the brood mares and stallions that should be mated together for the improvement of that type, and herein lies the great secret of the improvement of all the types of our best horses. Thousands upon thousands of farmers in the last decade have had some experience in cross-breeding, or rather "haphazard" breeding from which the country became flooded with a great mass of horseflesh that they themselves did not want and there proved to be no sale for at living prices, which should be a lesson for us in all future efforts in horse breeding.

Some Friends of the Farmer.

The common barn owl is very useful in catching mice, gophers and other vermin. The gopher usually travels at night, thus falling an easy prey to the owl flying about seeking what he may devour. The Butcher bird, too, is of great advantage to the farmer and fruit grower in destroying various injurious insects, bugs, worms and so forth; he gets his principal living in this way, even making away occasionally with the mischievous little linnet, which is such a pest to the fruit grower.

The despised hawk also has a work to do in protecting the farmer from squirrels and rabbits, particularly rabbits, which are such a great nuisance in this State. The hawk has been in disrepute because it is supposed that he has an extraordinary liking for spring chicken. He does gratify this taste occasionally.—C. A. Coffman in California Cultivator.

Slow Milking.

A cow, when slowly milked, will not only tend to reduce her yield in quantity and thus go prematurely dry, but it has been found from experiment that as between slow milking versus quick milking there was a difference of 10 per cent in the butter fat in favor of the quick milking, and that this difference continued during a greater part of the period of lactation, says the Market Basket. A cow to yield the largest quantity of the richest milk must be quickly milked and cleanly milked, for if this is not done the animal's yield is very much reduced in every respect.

ALONG THE COAST.

Interesting Occurrences From all Over the Coast.

NEWS OF THE WEEK CONDENSED.

A Number of Miscellaneous Jottings Briefly and Curtly Told in This Column.

The Sacramento, Cal., S. P. car shops will be rebuilit there.

Telephone and telegraph wires are to be put underground in Spokane.

An unprecedented building boom is in progress at Port Angeles, Wash.

L. C. Dillman of Spokane has sent some fine apples to the Prince of Wales.

The fire losses in Tacoma during October aggregated $176,179, with $23,500 insurance.

The water from the Tuolumne river has been turned into the big Turlock irrigation ditch.

Snow on the mountains and rain in the valleys during the week have been general in California.

A Port Angeles, Wash., firm has secured an order for 500,000 cedar shingles from Honolulu, U. S. A.

The Baldwin Hotel, San Francisco, was destroyed by fire on the 23d inst., loss $1,500,000, insurance $100,000.

The attention of the Los Angeles police has been called to a nuisance in the shape of mashers who annoy women on the streets.

Sedro and Wooley, Skagit county Wash., will be merged into one municipality as soon as a name for the consolidated towns can be agreed on.

The San Francisco schooner Katie and Annie, cruising in Lower California waters, has made a catch of thirty-two otter skins, valued at $10,000.

Imposters who tell thrilling stories of their gallant conduct as soldiers at Siboney and El Caney have been detected in swindling the people of Portland, Or.

The surveyors of the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Railway have located the line through Midway, B. C., and are continuing the survey up Boundary creek.

William Sanderson of Marin county has gone to Aaska to establish a butter and cheese making plant. He thinks suitable feed conditions for cows can be found on Kodiak island.

The inhabitants of Canyon City, Or., who were rendered homeless by fire, are being assisted with contributions of clothing, provisions and cash from various Oregon towns.

R. A. Muskett, sentenced at Vancouver, B. C., to six months at hard labor in prison for defrauding creditors, is the first person convicted of that offense in the history of the province.

The Great Northern railway is surveying a line from Trail to Sayward, B. C. It is proposed to run a branch line from the Nelson road to the Trail smelter to carry ores from the Salmon River and Ymir districts, competing with the C. P. R. R. It is also proposed by the Great Northern to put a steamer on the Columbia river between Northport, Waneta, Sayard, Trail and Waterloo, to carry ores from any port on the river to either of the two smelters.

In the central and western portions of the Los Angeles, Cal., oil fields something over forty new wells have been put down. While they are not all producing, some, among the deeper ones, are producing more than sufficient to pay expenses. The production in October was about 2300 barrels per day. If to the value of the oil, at current prices, be added the amount expended for wages, hauling and other expenses, the oil industry of the Los Angeles field represents at the present time a business of $110,000 a month, or $1,250,000 a year.

The Belgian consul at Shanghai points out that the indispensable intermediary (or, as he is called in England, a "middleman") between the Europe and Chinese traders, is the "compradore," whose name is derived from the Spanish comprador — i. e., buyer. The earliest foreigners who came to settle in China for purposes of trade carried on business on the principle of exchange only, receiving merchandise in return for that which they brought with them, and the interior of China being closed to foreigners, they were obliged to have recourse to intermediaries to procure what they required Though close competition has been created among these newcomers—all workers—a keen, constant struggle, in which the old wealthy firms have succumbed. The role of "compradore" has thus been modified; he continues, as before, to hold all the business in his hands, both in buying and selling markets; but to these professions he has added an important one—that of money lender. It may be asked why this costly and ruinous middleman is not suppressed, and it may be answered, because it is impossible, and because a firm that had no "compradore" would do no business. These middlemen have been incorporatd for a long time; their corporation is the richest and most important in China, and any person wishing to do business with a foreign firm must deal first with the "compradores." If a trader tries to trade direct, he is annoyed in so many ways that he hastens to return to what are called 'old customs"; and China, it should be remembered, is an essentially conservative country, where an established custom has the force of law.

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THIS PAPER is kept on file at E. C. DAKE Advertising Agency, 64 and 65 Merchants Exchange, San Francisco, California, where contracts for advertising can be made for it.

NAVAL Constructor Hobson, made famous for the sinking of the Merrimac in the late war, has refused an offer of $50,000 for a series of lectures for the present season. In speaking of the refusal he says: "Before the sinking of the Merrimac, my lectures would probably not have been worth more than 50 cents and the sinking of the Merrimac seems to have increased my stock in literature to $50,000. The work which so suddenly raised the value of literary stock was wrought through the simple execution of duty as an officer in the American navy." He says he would not feel right to use the performance of that duty for financial betterment. However he has agreed to furnish some articles to a magazine but this does not carry with it any great fortune. Another offer was refused last Saturday at Annapolis for a twenty minute talk where the compensation was set at $200.

THE launching of the big battleship Wisconsin was of unusual interest to the people of California, as the Pride of the Navy—The Oregon—is a California production, and the Wisconsin is intended to far surpass her in every respect. It is a pity the last launched was not named California. We hope Uncle Sam will want a ship in the near future, superior to the Wisconsin, and place the order with the Union Iron Works and have it christened California,

CALIFORNIA has again shown herself remarkable as a productive state, having within her bounds a town by the name of Livermore at which place resided a boy who grew three inches in as many months, the maximmum growth for that period being but one quarter of an inch. The growth was so severe as to cause death by the frame outgrowing the vital organs of the body. The doctors gave it as their opinion that the growth was to great for the heart to perform its duty.

THE citizens of Vallejo are preparing to to make a strong fight against Commissioner Endicott's report regarding the approaches to Mare Island. Congressman Hilborn, who is in Washington, and a committee of four of Vallejo's best men will be armed with necessary data and present the case fairly before the Navy Department and Congress.

SOME of the prominent dealers and growers of California prunes are making war on the Oregon prunes as some unscrupulous dealers have been shipping them east as Santa Clara county prunes. The Oregon prunes are inferior to those of Santa Clara valley as they lack sugar and flavor.

One of the most disasterous storms ever known occurred on the New England coast the first of the week in which a large number of vessles were wrecked and many lives lost. The steamer Portland alone is reported to have gone to pieces off Peakhead Hill bars and ninety-nine lives gone to the bottom with it, as a number of bodies have been picked up along the coast with life belts on marked "Steamer Portland."

The boilers of the steamer T. C Walker blew up near Stockton early Sunday morning killing six outright and injuring nineteen or more others. The steamer was owned by the California Navigation and Improvement Company and at the time of the accident was making her regular run between San Francisco and Stockton.

GLEN ELLEN GLEANINGS.

Mrs. R. M. Lowe and family have returned to San Francisco where they will spend the holidays.

A number of plumbers and gas fitters are making some needed improvements at the Home.

J. E. Jackson, of Santa Rosa, has leased the farm Ten Oaks of J. G. Johnson near Warfied station.

The many friends of Mrs. James Law were shocked to hear of her death at Sonoma last Sunday. Quite a number attended the funeral Tuesday.

The late rains have greatly benefitted growing feed.

Wm. H. Holton, who spent a vacation of several days with his parents has returned to Berkeley to resume his studies.

Mr. A. C. Clark has returned from the East after a stay of several months in New York state. He was married while east and the happy couple have the well wishes of many friends. A. C. states that for climate, there is no place like California.

Miss Myrtle Thompson has been engaged to teach the public school in this district the coming spring term.

Will A. Zane, who visited San Jose for several weeks, returned home Monday.

The many friends of A. J. Williams will be pained to hear of his serious illness at Santa Rosa. He is at present with his sister, Mrs. Harry A, Weise.

Mr. Norris, the photographer has taken some splendid views in the vicinity of the Home.

Real Estate Transfers.

Jos W Ridgway to Jno Shroder Nov 25-98 lot 25, blk 8, Santa Rosa; $10

US to Jordan Cox Jan 10-86, E½ of NW¼ and S½ of NE¼ S17, T8 R8.

US to J R Mowbray Oct 15 75, 74.54 acres in NE¼ S 6, T 11, R10.

HL Preston to JR Mowbray Nov 9-75 15 acres in S E ¼ of N W ¼ S6, T11, R 10; $16.07.

CH Cooley to JR Mowbray May 19-95, 6 acres Musalacon Rancho, adjoining Larrison; $25.

Geo W and Maria Harris to W D Ayers Nov 22-98, part of lot 484 Petaluma, $10.

M McCann and wife to W J Mahon and wife, quit claim to lots 8 and 9, Josias Davis add to Santa Rosa; $25.

W J Mahon and wife to Edwin Day Nov 5-98, same as above: $800.

Harry Ludloff to H O Ludloff July 27 96, SW ¼ S13, T7 R 10, and all his personal property; gift.

F W ARex to L W Bement Nov 26-98, 80 acres in SW ¼ S 20, and in NW ¼ S29, T 8, R 10; $10.

Eslate of J J Gobbi dec, to Farmers and Mechanics' bank N22-98, lots 20, 21, 22, 23, Knaack's add to Healsburg; $5500.

Jos Purrington to Frances Purrington Nov 26-98, lot 65 feet south from S E cor Mendocino and College avenue, Santa Rosa: $4000.

Left for Fresno Monday.

Monday afternoon President E.D. Sweetser, of the Sonoma County Horticultural society left for Fresno to attend the meetings of the state board of horticulture and the annual fruit growers' convention.

While among the fruit growers Mr. Sweetser, in behalf of the horticultural society, will make arrangements for a farmers' institute to be held in Santa Rosa in the early part of next year, probably in February. —*Press Democrat.*

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Shooting Notices.

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Jules Berges was in Sonoma this week.

Merchant Clewe has something new to say to our readers. See his ad.

Dr. H. W. Gottenberg, our dentist, presents his card to the public with this issue of the NEWS.

E. M. Farrel, of the San Franciso Call was in town this week transferring the agency of that paper to ye editor.

Harry Kinnery who spent last summer in Sonoma, has gone to Honolulu where he will take charge of the high school of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryland who have been visiting her mother Mrs. Durhing for the past few days returned to their home in the City Sunday.

Dangers of Pony Express Riding.

In The Century there is an article on "The Pony Express," between St. Joseph, Mo., and San Francisco, written by W. F. Bajley. The author says:

Considering the danger encountered, the percentage of fatalities was extraordinarily small. Far more station employees than riders were killed by the Indians, and even of the latter more were killed off duty than on. This can be explained by the fact that the horses furnished the riders, selected as they were for speed and endurance, were far superior to the mounts of the Indians.

There is only one case on record where a rider was caught, and that was owing to his having been surrounded. This occurred in Nebraska, along the Platte river. He was shot, and several days later his body was found. His pony, still bridled and saddled, was also found with the mail intact. It was transferred to another horse and soon forwarded to its destination. In laying out the route through the Indian country pains were taken to avoid anything that would afford cover for an ambushed foe.

One of the greatest dangers encountered by the pony express riders was from immigrants and others who mistook them for Indians. In those days it was shoot first and investigate afterward, provided the shooter survived to make an investigation. A number of the riders met their death in this way, being mistaken for Indians, horse thieves or road agents. It is a strange but notable fact that the Indians often stood and saw the daring riders fly past without offering to molest them. There was a mystery about it that made it "bad medicine" to interfere with them. Superstitious as they were, they seldom bothered with anything that they could not understand.

A Similar Case.

The Indian may be unsophisticated by the side of the white man, but Bishop Whipple, writing in The Temple Magazine, shows that he has a dry sense of humor.

His Indian flock was visited by a speculative Yankee who hungered after their good lands and tried to persuade them to exchange their reservation for a worthless tract of country elsewhere. A council of the tribe was called together, and the Yankee addressed the assembly.

"My friends, I have lived 55 years in this world," he said, "and the winds of 55 winters have blown over my head and silvered it over with gray. As a true man I advise you to accept this new treaty at once."

He sat down, and at the same moment an old chief sprang to his feet.

"Look at me!" he said. "The winds of 55 winters have blown over my head and silvered it gray, but they have not blown away my brains."

"That conference was ended," said the bishop laconically.

Weeds as Food.

What is even regarded as a vile weed can, with a little stretch of imagination, be turned into an ornamental plant or delicious vegetable. This is especially the case with the common burdock, Lappa major. Schoolboys all know it from gathering the burs and compressing them together by the curved points of the floral involucre. This is all they know about it. It is difficult to see anything more to be despised in the burdock leaf than in the leaf of the rhubarb. It appears that it is largely used in China for food, but it is stated that if the stalks be cut down before the flowers expand and then be boiled the taste is relished equally with asparagus. The leaves when young are boiled and etaten as we eat spinach. In Japan it is in universal use. Thousands of acres are devoted to its culture, but in this case the root is the object. It requires deep soil to get the roots to the best advantage.—Meehan's Monthly.

A Tart Old Lady.

Out in Indiana a good many years ago a certain old lady, summoned as a witness, came into court wearing a large poke bonnet, such as was then much affected by rural folks. Her answers to the questions put to her being rather indistinct, the court requested her to speak louder, though without much success.

"The court cannot hear a word you say, my good woman," said the judge. "Please to take off that huge bonnet of yours."

"Sir," she said composedly and distinctly enough this time, "the court has a perfect right to bid a gentleman take off his hat, but it has no right to make a lady remove her bonnet."

"Madam," replied the judge, "you seem so well acquainted with the law that I think you had better come up and take a seat with us on the bench."

"I thank your honor kindly," she responded, dropping a low courtesy to the court, "but there are old women enough there already."—Law Notes.

Britain's "Tribute Money."

Several years ago a large sum of money was sent out to China from England in relief of an appalling famine. But Dr. Wenyon of the Wesleyan mission related in a recent speech that he had discovered in Shangtung a commemorative column, erected by the governments' authority, on which this British contribution was calmly set down as "tribute money."—Penang Gazette.

The Morning Meal.

"Now, children," said the teacher, "what do you call the meal that you eat in the morning?"

"Oatmeal," promptly responded a number of the class.—What to Eat.

Robbed the Graves.

A startling incident of which Mr. John Gliver, of Philadelphia; was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite,—gradually growing weaker each day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately a friend advised trying Electric Bitters, and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50c. per bottle at Ed. Wegner's Drug Store.

Hard on the Gentler Sex.

There is much of the slave and the tyrant hidden in the nature of woman. Thus woman is not yet capable of friendship, but only of love.

In the love of woman is injustice and blindness to all that she does not love.

There are two things a true man likes—danger and play. He likes woman because she is the most dangerous of playthings.

A man should be reared for the vocation of a warrior; a woman for the recreation of the warrior. All else is rubbish.

A woman's principle of honor is to love more than she is loved, so as not to be second.

In any game where love or hate is not at stake women play a mediocre part.

All women behind their personal vanity cherish an impersonal contempt for woman.

As a rule, a mother loves herself in her son more than the son himself.

The chief danger that besets artists of genius lies in woman. The worshiping woman is their ruin. Hardly one has character enough to resist his ruin when he finds himself treated like a god. Man is a coward in face of the ewig weibliche, and no one knows it better than the small woman.

Women indulge in literature as they commit a little sin, glancing round to see if any one is looking—i. e., to attract attention.—Henry Nietzsche in Academy.

The Minnow Trap.

The minnow trap used for catching minnows for bait is of glass, shaped like a jar or a bottle without a neck and of a capacity of six or eight quarts. The bottom of the trap rises in a cone, like the bottom of a champagne bottle, but instead of being solid the top of the cone is cut off, making an opening in the trap. The top of the trap has over it a metal cap on a hinge. The cap is perforated with a number of holes to permit of the circulation of water through the trap.

The minnow trap is slung horizontally in a wire holder, which has a handle on top, to which a rope is made fast. Suitable bait to attract minnows is placed in the trap, which is then lowered into the water. The cone with the opening at the inner end in the bottom is in effect like the opening into an eel or fish trap. It is easy for the minnows to get through it into the trap in search of the bait, but hard for them to get out. When the trap has been raised, the captured minnows are got out by opening the cap at the other end of the trap.—New York Sun.

Vegetarian Crocodiles.

A report by George Hoare, one of the officials of the British Central Africa protectorate, summarized in the local gazette, contains some curious details of the crocodiles of Lake Chiuta. They would seem to be strict vegetarians, for not only have they never been known to attack the men fishing in the lake, but their tracks were shown by the natives to the writer at a distance of several miles from its shores, whence they are said to travel overland in search of roots. This is contrary to the habits of all known species of crocodiles, which are, in the first place, purely carnivorous, and, in the second, so helpless on land from their inability to turn, except in a large circle, that they never leave the immediate vicinity of their watery or muddy home. Efforts will accordingly be made to obtain a specimen of this abnormal type of the formidable amphibian.—London Tablet.

Mark Twain and His Pyjamas.

Mark Twain has an intense dislike for clothes, and if it were possible would remain in his pyjamas day in and day out. And whenever he can do so he eats breakfast in them, receives his friends and works in them. His favorite mode of writing is to lie flat on the floor on his stomach in his pyjamas, with a pipe in his mouth. When on lecture tours, he never gets out of his sleeping clothes until it is time to go to hall or opera house. When the fit strikes him, he likes to exercise, and then with his customary shamble will shuffle along for miles and exhaust his most athletic companion. But he feels far more at home in his pyjamas than in a street suit or evening clothes, and in them he remains as great a part of the day as Mrs. Clemens will allow him.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Strange Tastes.

One day while at Versailles during the French war Lord Odo Russell went to call on Bismarck, but found him closeted with Count Harry Arnim, who was known as the "Ape," from his fantastical ways. Before long Arnim came out, fanning himself with his handkerchief and looking as if about to choke. "Well," he gasped, "I cannot understand how Bismarck can bear that—smoking the strongest Havanas in a stuffy little room. I had to beg him to open the window."

When Russell entered the room, he found the chancellor fanning himself beside an open casement. "What strange tastes some people have!" he exclaimed. "Arnim has just been with me, and he was so overpoweringly perfumed that I had to open the window."

Don't Worry About the Editor.

The editor has a charter from the state to act as doormat for the community. He will get the paper out somehow and stand up for the town and whoop it up for you when you run for office and lie about your big footed son when he gets a $4 a week job and weep over your shriveled soul when it is released from its grasping body and smile at your wife's second marriage. Don't worry about the editor; he'll get along. The Lord only knows how—but somehow.—Exchange.

Victims of Gambling.

The list of persons who have killed themselves because they have been ruined by the Vienna Municipal Lottery is a long one. The other day a woman who had spent all her money in buying tickets and had never won a prize hanged herself. Nevertheless the citizens of Vienna look with favor on the lottery, as it keeps down taxes.

A Spoiled Child.

"What are you crying about now, dearie?" asked the fond mother. "Is there something mamma's sweetest wants?"

"Yes."

"What is it?"

"I—I don't know! That's what I'm crying about!"—Indianapolis Journal.

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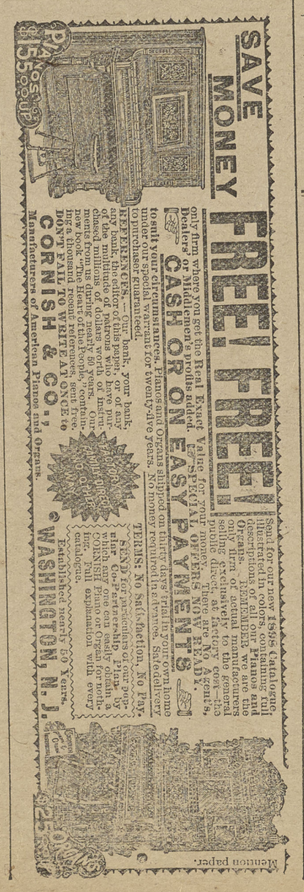

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Congregational Church.

Rev. Charles D. Milliken, Minister, Services: Sunday at 11 a. m and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School 10 a. m., Mr. Charles Potter, Supt., Y. P. S. C. E service 6:30 p. m.

Prayer Meeting, Wednesdays 2:30 p. m. Junior Endeavor Society Meeting, Friday 3:15 p. m.

Ladie's Aid Society, 2nd Thursday of each month.

Missionary Society, 2nd Tuesday of oach month.

Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev E. E. Thompson, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7:15, p. m. Sabbath School at 10 a. m. Prayer Meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Young People's Society of Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. on Sunday

LODGE NOTICES.

A. O. U. W.

PUEBLO LODGE No. 168, meets every first and fourth Tuesday evening of each month at Odd Fellows' Hall.

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TEMPLE LODGE No. 14, meets in the Masonic Hall on the Tuesday evening on or before the full moon in each month.

I. O. O. F.

SONOMA LODGE No. 28, meets at Odd Fellows' Hall every Saturday evening at 7:30 p. m.

REBEKAH DEGREE LODGE No. 99, meets in Odd Fellows' Hall, on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

O. E. S.

VALLEY OF THE MOON CHAPTER No. 85, meets in Masonic Hall on the Thursday evening on or preceding the full moon of each month.

O. C. F.

SONOMA VINEYARD COUNCIL, No. 167, meets the first and third Friday of each month in Odd Fellows' Hall.

N. S. G. W.

SONOMA PARLOR, No. 111, meets every Monday evening at Odd Fellows' Hall.

Y. M. I.

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U. A. O. D.

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If you have a boy with any of these symptoms there are 19 chances out of 20 that the boy will, within 18 short months, be past the aid of medical skill—completely at the mercy of that dread disease—consumpson. Take warning in time! For these sure and tel-tale symtoms there is but one never-failing and GUARANTEED CURE, and that is VERVAIN, the most remarkable discovery of the century. One month's treatment will bring rosy healthy to that fading cheek will cause the life giving, tissue-building elements of its truly wonderful properties to instantly circulate through those clogged up veins. It stopps debilitating drains; soothes, invigorates and vitalizes the whole system; it transforms the weak, sickly, irritable, nervous, despondent sufferer to true, healthy, happy manhood.

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Leaves Sonoma		Effective Oct. 16 '98	Arrive Sonoma	
Week days	Sundays	Destination	Sundays	Week days
6.18 a. m.	8.10 a. m.	San Francisco, San	10.25 a.m.	10.30 a. m.
2.45 p. m.	3.37 p. m.	Rafael intermediates	7.15 p.m.	7.20 p. m.
10.30 a. m.	10.25 a. m.	Glen Ellen and	8.10 a.m.	6.18 a. m.
7.20 p. m.	7.15 p. m.	intermediates	3.37 p.m.	2.45 p. m.
6.18 a. m.	8.10 a. m.	Petaluma, SantaRosa	10.25 a.m.	10.30 a. m.
2.45 p. m.	3.37 p. m.	and intermediates.	7.15 p.m.	7.20 p. m.
6.18 a. m.	8 10 a. m.	Cloverdale, Healds-	.....	10.30 a. m.
2.45 p. m.	.....	burg, intermediates.	7.15 p.m.	7.20 p. m.
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	.....	intermediates	7.15 p.m.	7.20 p. m.
6:18 a. m.	8.10 a. m.	Sebastopol and	10.25 a.m.	10.30 a. m.
2:45 a. m	3.37 p. m.	intermediates.	7.15 p.m.	7.20 p. m.
6.18 a. m.	8.10 a. m.	Guerneville and	.....	10.30 a. m
2:45 p. m.	.....	intermediates.	7.15 p.m.	7.20 p.m

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NEWS ABOUT TOWN

Happenings of the Past Week in the Pioneer City.

PERSONAL MENTION.

George Spencer spent Sunday here with relatives.

Thos. Glynn, of San Francisco, was up Sunday visiting his mother.

Ed Gillan Jr., of Tubbs Island was visiting relatives here Sunday,

Ed. Geise, of Benecia, is spending a few days this week in Sonoma.

Miss. Annie Gafney, of San Francisco spent Sunday with friends in Sonoma.

Miss May Estes, of the Bay City, spent the Sabbath with her mother in this city.

Wm. Still, who has property interests here, was up from San Francisco Sunday.

S. S. Dyer, of Los Angeles, has leased the Calderwood property and will make this his home.

Thos. Monahan was up from San Francisco Sunday looking after his property interests here.

H. E. Calderwood was up from San Francisco Sunday looking after his place south of town.

Brewer Jacob Adams, of the Broadway brewery, San Francisco spent Sunday with friends here.

Frido Clewe, who has been attending college at Berkeley, is home on a vacation till after the holidays.

Rev. O. C. Howell was over from Pope valley Monday evening and took the afternoon train Tuesday for San Francisco.

Mrs. Schluss and son who have been visiting with the family of our genial merchant, F. Clewe returned to their home Sunday.

J. B. Stetson, brother-in-law of M. H. Akers, of Schellville was in Sonoma Tuesday. Mr. Stetson runs a large trunk establishment in San Francisco.

According to reports some of the Guernevillers are trying their skill as salmon fishers in the Russian river. Many fine specimens of the finny tribe have been caught during the past week.

An erring lad of thirteen years had a hot time in Napa for a few days the first of the week. The lad had stolen $115 of his father's money and went to Napa to spend it. When apprehended a good portion of his wealth had been squandered.

Bonds for the building of the new Forestville schools for the amount of $800 were approved by the supervisors last Saturday. There are ten bonds at the value of $80 each bearing 6 per cent per annum and running for ten years. The bonds will soon be advertised and sold to the highest bidder.

The Native Sons of the Golden West will meet in Sonoma next spring but notwithstanding there yet remains about five months before the session will open, a native Son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Haggie on Monday, Nov. 28. Mr. Haggie is wearing the broad smile thinking he received the first delegate.

The board of Supervisors made an appropriation of $100 for the purpose of advertising in the Journal of Education the resources of Sonoma county and the convention of the State Teachers Association which is to be held at Santa Rosa next month. Five pages are to be set apart for a write-up in the journal and five thousand copies are to be sent out and will contain much of interest concerning the meeting of the State Teachers.

A very large crowd assembled at the Union Iron Works in San Francisco last Saturday morning to witness the launching of Uncle Sam's latest war ship, Wisconsin. Miss Duff presented the colors to the Wisconsin, which were received by Commodore Watson. The flag was made by the pupils of the Irving M. Scott School. This is the first time a set of colors has been made exclusively by school children and donated to Uncle Sam at the launching of any of his vessels.

Last Sunday Mr. William H. Hyde looked particularly smiling with his large family representation at the Congregational church, two sons, two daughters, two sons-in-law one daughter-in-law and a nephew. At dinner that day there were fifteen at table Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Lewis, with their children Ruth and Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. John. W. Roberts, Hazel and Howard, Miss Hyde, Mr. Wm. H. Hyde Jr. Mr. Walter S. Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Hyde, Prof. Chas. Ham of the Polytechnic High School, and last but not least, Mr. Hyde himself, whose clear complexion, kindly eye energetic manner at seventy- eight years of age bear ample testimony to a life of freedom from habits of any sort which undermine the physical and mental health. We congratulate Mr. Hyde on his family gathering, surely in itself an ample subject for real thanksgiving.

Since the rain all our farmers seem happy.

A good cow for sale. See 50c column.

See the ad. of The Cut Rate Bazaar, Petaluma.

Carl Bundschu spent a few days on the Rhine farm this week.

Every thing sold at Weems' Cash store is money back if you don't like it.

Merchant F. Clewe spent Monday in San Francisco attending to business.

Weems' Cash Store beats the world on beans. White and pink beans at 8 lbs. for 25c.

"I love you ma' honey" Not just any old honey, but the honey we bought at Weems' Cash Store.

Since we must eat to live let's have the best. So say all of us. Weems sells the best of everything.

Tuesday, December 8th, was set as the time for a public hearing regarding the passing of the game ordinance.

A. Campinelli, of Jackson, Amador County formerly in the merchandise business in Sonoma spent Monday evening in town.

Wm. Glynn returned from Bethany on Wednesday evening's train to spend a few weeks with his mother at the Sonoma house.

Peter G. Kiel left on Tuesday mornings train for Bethany, San Joaquin County where he has accepted a position on the Cross dredger.

A new lot of raisins and currants in one lb. packages ready for use, just in. We buy our citron in small quantities so it is always fresh. Weems' Cash Store.

The Epworth League is to give an entertainment in the Union Hall on the evening of December 16th of a literary and musical character, which promises to be a pleasant affair.

G. H. Hotz has just received a large shipment of goods for the holliday trade among which you will surely be able to find something that will suit for a handsome Christmas gift.

J. P. Weems has employed S. A. Ringstrom so as to give his patrons more prompt attention. He is also making a great emprovement in his store by having an office room built in one corner. H. M. Shaw is doing the carpentering.

Last Friday Mrs. Jones of the Union Hotel was the lucky winner of the dinner set of forty-nine pieces as a baking powder prize at J. P. Weems'. Mr. Weems says hereafter the drawings will take place the first Thursday evening following the sale of the last can of baking powder.

Cloverdale people are beginning to make a stir for the Citrus Fair which is to be held next February. Next Monday the Citrus Fair Association will hold a meeting for the purpose of electing directors and taking initatory steps for the annual exhibition.

The bankers of Sonoma county are complaining on account of a plethora of money, resulting from the heavy balance of trade in our favor; all because our crops of hops, grapes wine, olives, fruits and cereals were so bountiful this season.—*Cloverdale Reville.*

The county board of Education met at the court house last Saturday to prepare the questions for the teachers' examination which will be held in Santa Rosa next week commencing Monday. It is expected that fifty or sixty applicants will be present to take the examination for teachers' certificates.

Sugar! we like to sell sugar. We make money on it. We make money on everything we sell but we are not hogs. Look out for the dealer who will sell you an article below cost. He will get even on you with something else. We make a reasonable profit on every thing. No overcharge. Sugar today 17 lbs for $1.00. This is cane sugar, the best. We do not handle beet sugar. Weems' Cash Store.

A large amount of iron pipe has been shipped from San Francisco to Camp Meeker, this county. The pipe is to convey water from some big spring on the mountain side high above the village, which will assure an abundance of water for the campers and those who have erected summer houses there. The village extends through two canyons and is a most delightful summer resort. A number of lots have been secured by parties living at the bay cities.

Hugh Buchanan, who killed a man named Wm. Miles in a drunken row in a Marysville saloon on March 6th 1894, is making an effort to obtain his discharge from the Napa asylum where he is now confined. Buchanan, through his attorney, succeeded in getting a verdict of insanity, testimony for which is estimated to have cost Buchanan's people $6000. The plan now is to have him discharged on the ground of being cured of his insanity and then try him on the murder charge, at which time the plea will be set up that the defendent was insane at the time of the commission of the crime.

A Remarkable Showing for This Year.

The following is the report of Mr. Weinstock, president of the California Fruit Growers and Shippers Association which will be read with much interest. Mr. Weinstock says:

"This has been one of the most remarkable years in the history of California fruit culture. The year's result makes plain the fact that nothing in California fruit culture is so certain as the unexpected.

The drought, frosts and unfavorable weather during the early part of the season gave rise to a general opinion that there would be little or no shipping fruit to leave the state. By the middle of May the outlook had materally improved, but yet the most sanguine-mined estimated that the year's shipment would not exceed 2500 car loads, or less than half of last year's shipments. The surprise is therefore a most agreeable one to find, at the close of the shipping season, that 4824 cars of fresh deciduous fruits have left the state as against 5323 cars for last year—a shortage of only 9 per cent. Despite the somewhat lessened value of shipments, the income to the state for fresh fruits, owing to the much higher prices which prevailed, has been materially greater than for several seasons past.

The growing markets for California fruits are along the Atlantic seaboard. The shipments to Chicago have declined from 1473 cars in 1895 to 1153 in 1898. A noticable decline is also manifest in the shipments to other western points; whereas the shipments to New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Montreal have increased since 1805 from 50 to 100 per cent. The explanation of this lies largelv in the fact that Chicago and other western cities are receiving increasing supplies of fruit from such states as Georgia, Michigan and Colorado.

The charscter of these products however, is so much more perishable than the California article that it is not so profitable to ship them to the more distant Atlantic markets, in competitition with California fruits.

Attention is called to the growth of the apple industry. Four hundred and thirty four cars of apples left this state this year against 61 cars last year, an increase of over 700 per cent. This result is due, in a measure to a light eastern crop.

Despite the unfavorable season, cherry shipments increased fully 20 per cent compared with last year, and the pear crop, which was at one time pronounced almost a total fail ure furnished 1594 cars for shipment against last year's shipment of 1640 cars, a loss of only about 3 per cent."

The Entertainments.

A large and appreciative audience attended the entertainments given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Congregational church at Union Hall Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The program for Tuesday evening was under the supervision of Mrs. H. Appletou and Wednesday evenings's performance was it charge of Prof. Benj. Weed of the High school The programs for each evening were well rendered. We doubt if the hall was ever more tastefully decorated on any similar occasion than it was for this event.

Four booths were arranged so as to grace the room and draw the attention of those present. The booths on the left of the room contained dainty candies, ice cream and cake, coffee and tea, while those on the other side of the house contained a special attraction for the children and ladies, one having a large box well supplied with toys which offered considerable amusement, while the other booth was supplied with fancy articles. This stand was under the care of Mrs. S. H. Craig, who has acted in this capacity for the church since 1872. Financially as well as socially, the entertainments were a success.

Another Pioneer At Rest.

Jacob Jacobsen, a pioneer of Sonoma, died of general debility at the county hospital last Monday. Mr. Jacobsen was a carpenter by trade and enjoyed the distinction of having built the first bridge that ever spanned a stream in this county. The structure still stands, a staunch monument to the old man's skill and is known as the Cooper bridge, which was built in 1855 made of Redwood. The old gentlenan went to Graham canyon selected, cut and hewed his own timbers and hauled them down with ox teams. He also built several buildings in and around Sonoma, the most prominent of which is the Poppe House.

The last trip Mr. Jacobsen made to Sonoma was to attend the bond election which was held the 26th day of October. On arriving at Santa Rosa he was taken sick and continued to fail until death relieved him At the time of his death he had passed his eigatieth year. He was a native of Sweden and became naturalized in 1860.

Social Hop.

There will be a social hop given at the Mervyn hall Glen Ellen Saturday evening Dec. 10, 1898. Music will be furnished for the occasion by Prof. H. Schieck and Darcy Orchestra. Admission Gents, 50c, ladies free. Good time for all. Supper 25c. Come one come all.

At Rest.

Mrs. Hattie Law, beloved wife of J. J. Law passed away at her home near Sonoma Sunday afternoon, at the age of 58 years, 7 months and 20 days. Her death was the result of a paralytic stroke which she received the last of September.

Mrs. Law moved to this township with her husband in 1863 where she has since resided. She was a kind and devoted mother, having raised a family of five children the daughters being: Mrs. A. J. Hubsch of Dunsmuir, Mrs. H. L. Luttrell of Represa, Mrs. J. J. Wells of Red Bluff and Mrs. C. W. Bevington of Ashland, Oregon, and the son Owen G. who has been residing with the family here.

The funeral services were conducted at the residence by Rev. Chas. D. Milliken of the Congregational church on Tuesday afternoon. The remains were laid to rest in the Mountain cemetery.

Another Change.

Hereafter we shall maintain a portion of a column to be known as "the 50 cent column" wherein our patrons may insert For Rent, For Sale, Want, and any other such advertisements as they may wish to publish at the rate of fifty cents per month when such ad does not occupy more than five lines.

The principal income of the newspaper man is through his advertising columns and not wishing to be partial we have changed the order of things so all may have the same chance at advertising. It having been the custom heretofore to run free locals for churches, all others having to pay which we believe inconsistent when such locals are run for the purpose of raising money. When any church or society gives an entertainment of whatever character it may be for the benefit of society and the community at large and not to raise money, any such locals will be run free of charge.

Top Prices for Hops.

According to the Press-Democrat Losson Ross sold one hundred and eighty bales of hops to buyer Carmichael last Thursday for nineteen cents a pound. It also reports that this is the highest price paid for hops in Sonoma county in five years. The hops are nearly cleaned up in Sonoma Co. Growers who have not disposed of their crops are likely to hold them for a while in hope that the prices may advance above nineteen cents.

The Discovery of the Day.

Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shrieveport La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz, writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed; it never fails, and is a sure cure for Consumption, Coughs, and colds. I cannot say enough for its merits. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and today stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottle at Ed. Wegner's Drug Store.

Mrs S. H. Craig had the misfortune of losing one of her diamond earrings while attending to duties connected with the Congregational fair.

Preaching at the Congregational church Sunday December 4th, at 11 a. m. Subject, "Monotones." An offering will be taken for the Congregational Church Building Society. A special invitation is extended to all young people to join the Pastor's Bible class, which is studying Gladden's "Who wrote the Bible?" Preaching at 7.30 p.m. A welcome to all.

CHAS. D. MILLIKEN, Pastor.

Services at the M. E. church, Sunday Dec. 4th, at 11 a. m., subject, "How shall a Man be Justified with God?" Services also at 7.30 p. m., subject, "The Fruits of Christianity."

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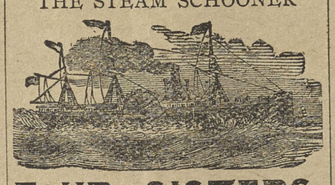
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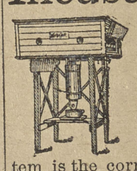
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To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund money if it fails to cure, 25c.

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Lancing a Felon.

Dr. Stivers of New York had a large dispensary clinic, and rarely a day passed that one or more cases of felon did not appear. "It won't hurt," was always his comforting assurance to the patient if the latter made any outcry. "Put your finger down there," indicating the edge of the table, "and keep still!" he commanded, and patients, as a rule, made little fuss. Dr. Stivers once had a felon on his left forefinger. He poulticed it for about a week, and walked the floor with pain at night. At last he went to his assistant surgeon, who said gravely, "That ought to have been lanced before."

"Possibly—but"— said Dr. Stivers, and then, with a long breath—"perhaps you'd better lance it now."

"Certainly," said the assistant surgeon. "Put your finger on the table."

Dr. Stivers complied, and with a face as white as paper watched the knife. "Be gentle," he cautioned. "That's an awful sore finger!"

"It won't hurt," remarked the assistant surgeon, and the sharp steel descended. There was a howl of agony from Dr. Stivers, and with his finger in his other hand he danced about the room crying, "Oh, oh, oh!"

"Why," remarked the assistant surgeon, "I have heard you tell patients hundreds of times that it didn't hurt to lance a felon."

"No doubt, no doubt you have," groaned Dr. Stivers, "but that depends on which end of the knife a man is at."—Exchange.

Easy Work.

Too much exercise leaves one a prey to soreness and stiffness, but it is easy work for St. Jacobs Oil to get the muscles back into proper shape and cure the distress.

Willing to Oblige.

Smoking a cigarette the other night in the north I heard a story which, so far as I know, is new. A proud old lady swept indignantly up to the door of a railway carriage at York station. A schoolboy was leaning half way out of the compartment, reflectively making a cigarette, and, after the fashion of the English schoolboy, not caring for anybody. "Is this a smoking compartment?" asked the dame, with scathing voice. "No, madam," replied the boy politely, raising his cap. "If you want a smoking compartment, you will find one a little lower down."

Theaters In Spain.

Theaters in Spain have no programmes. A bill in the lobby sometimes gives the cast, but most of the actors remain unknown by name. The curtain is devoted to advertisements, and in Madrid theaters advertising cards are affixed with the numbers on the back of each seat.

Not a Filler.

First Member Musical Committee—Does the new soprano's voice fill the church?

Second Member—Hardly. The ushers tell me there are always vacant seats in the gallery.—Detroit Journal.

"St. Patrick's Day In the Morning' is really the air of an Irish jig. It had no words. Doggerel verses had been written to the air, one set beginning, "Potatoes and fish is a very good dish."

There is one thing about the folding bed that impresses us forcibly—it has such a frank, open way of shutting up.

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RECENT INVENTIONS.

Cork dust and like material used in the manufacture of linoleum is being replaced by powdered mica, the material being also used to form panels, tiles and mosaics.

A Frenchman has patented a new driving gear for bicycles, in which the chain, instead of running over the ordinary sprocket wheels, is connected to two small wheels mounted on the frame, the teeth of the sprocket wheels meshing in the outside of the chain.

Windows can be easily cleaned on the outside by a new apparatus in which a frame is attached to the sill to support a vertical post on which is a sliding member carrying revolving brushes, which are turned by a system of belts running to a wheel at the bottom of the frame.

An Englishman has designed an automatic pump for inflating pneumatic tires, the piston running through a central hole in the valve and connecting with a hinged shoe inside the tire to force the piston to reciprocate in a pump attached to the inner surface of the rim.

Electric lamps can be adjusted at any angle by a new socket, which is crescent-shaped and provided with an internal weight, which is movable, to tilt the socket at any angle, the cord being suspended from the center of the opposite side of the crescent.

An auxiliary step for railroad cars is mounted on two swinging bolts attached to the under side of the fixed steps, to swing downward and project the step beyond the bottom fixed step, where it is held by hooks engaging eyelets at either end.

Odors from furnace smoke and chemicals are prevented from tainting the air by the use of a new device consisting of a chamber partly filled with water, with an entrance above the level of the water for the smoke, which is passed through the water by a pocketed wheel revolving inside the chamber.

The French version of "Cyrano de Bergerac" has enjoyed a phenomenal sale in London. In one French library alone something like 10,000 copies have been disposed of.

W. W. Jacobs is advancing slowly with his new novel. A volume of his short stories—dissimilar in locale to that of his "Many Cargoes"—will precede the publication of the novel.

Paul Bourget is publishing a new novel bearing the title of "La Duchesse Bleue."

Mrs. Burton Harrison has just completed a novel of English society life, to be called "Two Men and a Girl."

Maarten Maartens has been making a lengthy trip through Egypt and Palestine, where, it is said, he has been collecting material for the new story upon which he is now at work.

Mrs. E. W. Hornung, the novelist, is living—and writing—in a charming villa, with a vineyard, at Posillippo, one of the most delightful spots in Italy. Mrs. Hornung is the sister of Dr. Conan Doyle.

The lately destroyed residence and museum in Leicester Square, London, of the famous John Hunter is said to have been the scene chosen by Stevenson for his story of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

Lawrence Irving, the son of the actor, is staying with M. Sardou, and is busily engaged in translating the Robespierre play which the French playwright is writing for Sir Henry.

Rudyard Kipling's "Echoes," Lahore, 1884, the earliest and scarcest of his books, in the original wrapper brought $137 at a recent London book sale. The first edition of "Departmental Ditties," Lahore, 1886, brought $50.

Mason A. Green of the Rutland Herald has been chosen to write the biography of Edward Bellamy. He was Bellamy's associate editor on the New Nation, and his intimate friend for many years.

Two literary memorials of considerable interest have come to light lately. One of them is a tortoise-shell case, with ivory tablets, which belonged to Milton; the other is Shelley's guitar, which has come into possession of the Bodlelan library. The Milton memento was given to one Richard Lovekin of Nantwish by his aunt, Betty Minshall, who was the poet's third wife, and died in 1727. The Shelley guitar narrowly escaped being taken to Massachusetts, but its owner, Mr. Edward Silsbee, has handed it over to the university which expelled Shelley.

Old Knights Not So Big.

Recently at the tower of London a visitor who was admiring the old suits of armor remarked to an attendant that the Englishmen of the middle ages must have been a robust lot.

"Oh, no, sir," said the guide, with the cheery and rising emphasis on the "sir." The armor looks large, sir, but you'll find that the waist measure on nearly all these suits is only twenty-eight or thirty inches, sir. That's a very small man, sir. My word for it, there isn't a suit in the room that would be large enough for one of the queen's guardsmen."—Chicago Record.

Originator of Spectacles.

M. Spoon, in his Recherches Curieuses d'Antique, fixes the date of spectacles between the years 1280 and 1311, and says that Alexandre de Spina, having seen a pair made by some other person, discovered the secret, and made it public. Italian antiquarians say that the person was Salvino, who died in 1318, and quotes from an ancient manuscript his epitaph, which says: "Here lies Salvino Arnota de Armiti, of Florence, the inventor of spectacles. May God pardon his sins."

Probably the tide has something to do with the number of knots made by a vessel.

When a man once thoroughly understands the ins and outs of horse-racing he's seldom seen at the track.

FLASHES OF FUN.

Kirby (gloomily)—"Wheat went down from one dollar and five to ninety-four cents to-day?" Mrs. Kirby—"I thought men didn't believe in bargain days."

She—Julie and Joe are engaged, but they have decided to keep their engagement a secret; Julie told me so. He—Yes, I know it; Joe told me.—Tit-Bits.

Mr. Gabber—There is a man in New York erecting a monument to Ananias. Mrs. Gabber—For the land's sake! And what material is he using? Mr. Gabber—War extras.—Puck.

He—"There are two periods in a man's life when he never understands a woman." She—"Indeed! And when are they?" He—"Before he is married, and afterward."—Life.

"What office does your husband hold in the lodge?" "He's the secretary." "Recording or permanent?" "Permanent, I guess. He's held it sixteen years."—Chicago Tribune.

Mrs. Callahan—"I want to get a pair of shoes for the little bye." Shopman—"French kid, ma'am?" Mrs. Callahan (indignantly)—"Indeed not; he's me own son, born and bred in Amerikey."

"I think I know now," said the soldier who was making a determined effort to masticate his first ration of army beef, "what people mean when they talk about the sinews of war."—Chicago Tribune.

Smithers (society poet)—I am thinking of issuing a volume with wide margins. Do you like the idea? Miss De Facto (warmly)—Indeed, you cannot make your margins too wide for me. I adore blank verse.

Mrs. Timmis—I hear your cook has left you. What was the trouble? Mrs. Rockwell—Our kitchen is so small that she had to put her bicycle in the cellar, and she thought the dampness wasn't good for it.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Do you remember," said Miss Ancient to Colonel Crabtree, "how when you were a young man you proposed to me and I rejected you?" "It is one of the happiest recollections of my life," said the colonel, with an air of gallantry.

Barnes—"Do you believe there is such a thing as pure patriotism?" Shedd—"Of course there is. There is Howes, for example. He is willing to serve his country as a colonel, and he doesn't insist that he shall be sent away from home, either."

Wifey—"Do you think there is a man that could conscientiously say to his wife, 'You are the only woman I ever loved?'" Hubby—"Only one that I can think of." Wifey—"Who? You, dearest?" Hubby—"Oh, no; Adam."—Boston Traveler.

Insurance Agent—"We can't insure you." Old Man—"Why not?" Insurance Agent—"You are ninety-four years old." Old Man—"What of that? Statistics will tell you that fewer men die at ninety-four than any other age."—Baltimore Jewish Comment.

Tired Baird—"Wot would yer radder be dan all else in de world, Barney?" Barney Keegan—"A horspittle conwalescent, pard. All yer hez to do is jest lay dere in bed an' be waited on by de hull fleet dat don't do a t'ng but soak nurrishin' feed an' brandy inter yer."—Leslie's Weekly.

Mrs. Jonsing—"Dis hyah new ministah am a fine preachah, but he am de leanes' and skinnies' young man I ebbah see!" Mrs. Black—"Yes, an' he done tole mah husband, what weighs two hundard an' fo'ty, to bewar' les' he should be weighed in de balance an' foun' wantin'!"—Puck.

First Citizen—If you had any doubts of the guilt of Mrs. Borgia, the alleged poisoner, why did you vote to hang her? Second Citizen (who was on the jury)—Well, you see, the trial made her so notorious that we knew if we didn't hang her, she'd soon be appearing on the stage.—New York Weekly.

"I could settle Spain's hash for her mighty quick," remarked the confident-looking young man. "There's other hash to be settled for, Mr. Backboard," grimly replied the landlady. And silence ensued, while the boarders fell to reckoning how to strengthen our fleet with the butter.—Washington Star.

A young widow put up a costly monument to her late husband, and inscribed upon it: "My grief is so great that I cannot bear it." A year or so later, however, she married again; and feeling a little awkwardness about the inscription, she solved the difficulty by adding one word to it—"alone."—London Figaro.

"Let me see some of your black kid gloves," said a lady to a draper's assistant. "These are not the latest style, are they?" she asked, when the gloves were produced. "Yes, madam" replied the man; "we have had them in stock only two days." "I didn't think they were; the fashion papers say black kids have tan stitches, and vice versa. I see the tan stitches, but not the vice versa." The assistant explained that the vice versa was French for seven buttons, so she bought three pairs.—Tit-Bits.

"I think we really ought to give our attention to making things that will be of value to the boys at the front," said the one in pink. The one in blue laughed scornfully. "Has that just occurred to you" she asked. "I began on something for Charlie the very day he left with the troops." "Oh, do tell me what it was," exclaimed the one in pink. "An embroidered sofa-pillow," answered the one in blue, proudly. "He always used to say that there was nothing so comfortable for a tired man as a real good sofa-pillow and a hammock."—Chicago Evening Post.

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It Looked Bad.

A certain young lady against whom appearances certainly looked dark once had an amusing experience of unjust judgment. She went out on a stormy day and was unfortunate enough to have her umbrella turned inside out. Her two sisters were equally unlucky, and on the following day the young lady volunteered to take the three umbellas to be repaired.

Promising to call for them before she returned home in the afternoon, she went about her business, part of which was to do some shopping in a large city establishment. On rising to leave the shop she mechanically put out her hand to take possession of an umbrella that was close by. It looked like her own, and for the moment she had forgotten the accident. She was soon brought to her senses.

"That is my umbrella," said a sharp voice at her side, and a hand was laid on her arm to detain her.

Apologizing for her thoughtlessness, she left the shop, did the rest of her business and called for her umbrellas. In the street car she met an indignant pair of eyes. Where had she seen them before? They scanned first her face and then the burden she carried. "Three of them!" muttered the owner of the eyes, and it was evident that she referred to the umbrellas. "Three! She's din no bad the day."

As she spoke she grasped her own umbrella tightly and moved farther away from the dangerous young lady. The color came into the cheeks of the latter. The speaker was her friend of the morning, and she evidently believed that the umbrellas had been stolen.—Youth's Companion.

Overruled In Rhyme.

In a Georgia court not long since a case involving a jackass came on for trial. The attorneys after indulging in a fine frenzy entered the following inspired motion on the docket:

'If the court will consent, we will take up a case;
It treats not of section, country or race;
It is of no interest to any, be it ladies or lass—
It begins and it ends with a humble jackass.'

Thereupon the judge, hastily summoning his muse to his assistance, entered up the following order:

'This case coming on this day to be heard
(Considered by the court to be quite absurd),
And the motion herein the court doth decide
To be hereby overruled and denied,
And the movers thereof shall not be exempt
From a fine of one dollar each for contempt,
Wherein, until paid, the court further passes,
As sentence, that they be deemed said jack asses.'

"De trouble 'bout advice," said Uncle Eben, "is dat de man who has made a sho nuff success in life is gin'rally too busy ter stop an give lessons."—Washington Star.

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SERMONS OF THE WEEK

The Essential Force.—Belief is the essential force of all religions—Rev. W. D. Williams, Episcopalian, New York City.

Leadership.—The essential factor of human development is the leadership of great men.—Rev. L. E. Learned, Episcopalian, New York City.

Treasures.—Treasures laid up in heaven while here on earth should win our hearts to heaven.—Rev. Mr. Taylor, Presbyterian, San Bernardino, Cal.

Personality.—Personality is the persuasive element to which all else is subservient and secondary.—Rev. S. P. Cadman, Congregationalist, New York City.

Religion.—If the invitation of religion to-day excludes aught that is lovable and loving the invitation will be rejected in the name of religion.—Rev. J. L. Jones, Unitarian, Chicago, Ill.

Evolution.—All we eat, all we drink and all we wear has been evolved from the life of primitive man to its present perfected state to-day.—Dr. Astor, Spiritualist, San Bernardino, Cal.

Right or Wrong.—There can be no compromise for the Christian. An act is either right or wrong. It is either Christian or un-Christian.—Rev. J. B. Nies, Episcopalian, New York City.

God's Gifts.—The goodness of God ought also to prevent the taking of his name in vain. It is a commonplace that all good things come to us from God.—Rev. A. E. Myers, Collegiate, New York.

The American Conscience.—The American people had consciences, which forced us to stand against oppression, despotism and starvation.—Rev. Lyman Abbott, Congregationalist, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Gospel's Effect.—The Gospel in its effect upon men is reconstructive. And this process of reconstruction is the gift of vitalizing energy.—Rev. Mr. Rollins, Congregationalist, San Bernardino, Cal.

Honesty.—Men differ about many things, but they are united in their estimate of honesty. They believe that strict honesty ought to be the basis of business.—Rev. A. C. Dixon, Baptist, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Acceptation.—Man is saved, not by what he renounces, but what he accepts. Accept truth—there shall be no error. Accept light, and there is no darkness.—Rev. Dr. Bristol, Methodist, Washington, D. C.

Walking with God.—"Walking with God" suggests an association with him in the daily round of life, forming and pursuing one's motives and ideals in his sight.—Rev. Lester Bradner Jr., Episcopalian, New York City.

Laws of Man.—The laws of man and God are strengthened by that dramatic art called uniting with the church and swearing fidelity to conscience and the highest Christian law.—Rev. N. D. Hillis, Independent, Chicago, Ill.

An Infinite Force.—In the selfishness and self-seeking of this present age I see an infinite force diverted to wrong ends, perverted to the making of money and position.—Rev. F. C. Harding, Congregationalist, New York City.

The Rock of Ages.—Every object in nature speaks of Christ, his character, life and work. He is the Rock of Ages, the foundation of our hope, the corner stone of the church.—Dr. McElveen, Congregationalist, Brooklyn, N. Y.

A Powerful Book.—There is a book which has a power possessed by no other book, to make men wise, for the life which now is and the life which is to come. That book is the Bible.—Rev. R. A. Torrey, Presbyterian, Chicago.

Preaching.—The ineffectiveness of preaching is not altogether the fault of ministers. You complain of sermons dry and service dull. Did you ever think that there could be such a thing as a dry hearer?—Rev. J. C. Adams, Universalist, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Brave Jester.

Lord Malmesbury used to relate a good story told him by one of Napoleon's officers—an incident of the Peninsular campaign.

The French officer was reconnoitering with three or four troopers when they came suddenly upon a young English officer similarly occupied, mounted on a superb thoroughbred horse. Summoned by the French colonel to surrender, he quietly cantered away with a mocking smile on his face.

The Frenchman, who rode a heavy horse, pursued at full gallop. The Englishman allowed him to get quite close. Then kissing his hand, and leaving him behind, he shouted, pointing to his horse, "A Norman horse, sir."

Again the Frenchman pursued, threatening to shoot his enemy if he did not surrender. He went so far as to point a pistol at him, but the weapon missed fire.

With a roar of laughter, the young Englishman shouted again, "Made at Versailles, sir," and giving the thoroughbred his head, was soon out of sight.

It was most amusing to hear the old colonel tell this story and describe his rage, adding, however, that he had always felt glad that he had not shot "the brave joker."—Youth's Companion.

A Temperance Thirst Quencher.

Rev. George Charles, the clerical secretary of the Church of England Temperance Society in the Diocese of Canterbury, states that the best "sustainer and thirst quencher" he knows of is made of this formula: "Four ounces of white oatmeal flour, six ounces of lump sugar, and the juice of one lemon. Pour one gallon of boiling water upon it in a large jar. Drink when cool. It is best made overnight for the next day."

A great event in every woman's life is when she goes on a visit and "leaves" her baby for the first time.

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AN AFFAIR OF THE NATION

It has been said of Americans that they are "a nation of dyspeptics" and it is true that few are entirely free from disorders of the digestive tract, Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Stomach and Bowel trouble, or Constipation.

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GEN. SHAFTER'S LESSON.

It Was on This Occasion That He Learned to Decide For Himself.

Here is a story that the Cleveland Leader proffers about General Shafter. It centers about his salient trait of being pugnacious, just as all current and well invented anecdotes of "Fighting Bob" Evans revolve around some incandescent bit of profanity. But the story runs thus, as the general is made to tell it:

"Once, when I was a boy at school—I wasn't more than 10 or 11 years old at the time—our teacher called up the class in mental arithmetic and began putting questions, beginning with the pupil at the head of the row and going down toward the foot, until some one could give the correct answer. I stood somewhere near the middle, and next below me was a boy who was three years older and considerably ahead of me in the various studies that we had.

"'How much are 13 and 9 and 8?' the teacher asked.

"While one after another of the boys and girls ahead of me guessed and failed to get it right I figured out what I thought the answer ought to be. The question had almost got to me when I heard the big boy just below me whispering, apparently to himself, but loud enough for me to hear, '29, 29, 29.'

"Finally the pupil above me failed to answer correctly, and then it was my turn.

"'Well, Willie,' said the teacher, 'let's see if you know the answer. Come, now, be prompt.'

"I cocked my head up proudly on one side, cast a triumphant look at those who had 'fallen down' on the problem and said, so that everybody in the schoolroom could hear me:

"'Twenty-nine!'

"'Next. How many are 13 and 9 and 8?

"'Aw!' said the big boy below me, with a look of supreme contempt at the rest of us, '30!'

"That was what I had figured it to be myself, and when the teacher said 'correct' I wanted to fight.

"I didn't assault him, but I made up my mind right there and then to depend on my own judgment in the future, and ever since then when I have had anything to do and had figured out what I considered the best way to do it I have gone ahead, remembering, when people criticised or tried to throw me off the track, how that big boy made a fool of me in the mental arithmetic class."

Dwarfs and Poison.

Henry M. Stanley, in describing his journey though the forests of Africa, says that the most formidable foes he encountered, those that caused the greatest loss of life to his caravan and came nearest to defeating his expedition, were the Wambutti dwarfs.

These diminutive men had only bows and arrows for weapons, so small that they looked like children's playthings, but upon the tip of each tiny arrow was a drop of poison which would kill an elephant or a man as surely and quickly as a rifle. Their defense was by means of poison and traps.

They would steal through the dense forest, and waiting in ambush let fly their arrows before they could be discovered. They dug ditches and carefully covered them over with sticks and leaves. They fixed spikes in the ground and tipped them with poison. Into these ditches and on these spikes man and beast would fall or step to their death. One of the strangest things about it was that their poison was mixed with honey.

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